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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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PATENT

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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/023,911

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO  
STABILIZE AND REPAIR AN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2004**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 17, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is December 17, 2004.

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.